

*Executive Proclamation  
State of South Dakota  
Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Duane Wittmeier devoted 31 years, 10 months and 20 days to the state of South Dakota and the South Dakota Human Services Center; and,

*Whereas*, Duane Wittmeier first began employment with the South Dakota Human Services Center as a Psych Aide I on July 26, 1971. He ended his career as a Mental Health Technician, which he was promoted to on October 10, 1974; and,

*Whereas*, Duane Wittmeier should be credited with being committed to making sure the residents were treated with respect and dignity, their needs met and their rights upheld; and,

*Whereas*, Duane Wittmeier's sense of humor, charm and wit kept stressful times on his unit bearable for those who worked with him. His standard morning statement was, "Well, I wonder what the rich folks are doing today"; and,

*Whereas*, Duane Wittmeier was an excellent supervisor for his staff on the unit, and was always willing to help his co-workers. He recognized individuals for going the extra mile or doing an extraordinary job. With his usual humor, he would let them know he appreciated their work by promising staff that there "Would be a little something extra in their check"; and,

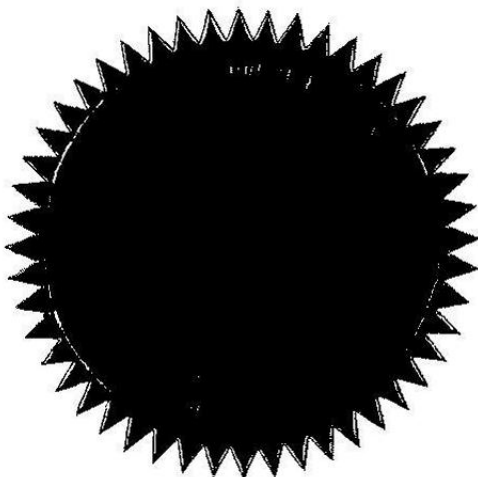
*Whereas*, Duane Wittmeier will be seen at Bricke Point fishing for the big walleye that got away, walking on the banks of Lake Poinsett, helping his brother, Greg, with lawn work, shoveling snow, and pestering his wife, Jan; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments of this employee:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2003, as

*DUANE WITTMIEIER DAY*

in South Dakota, and I join with Duane's family, friends and co-workers in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State